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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

WR 2-84

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade:

GRAIN AND FEED

The EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) reportedly has decided to sell an additional 1.65 million tons of wheat for export from intervention stocks beginning January 26. This brings total export sales from intervention stocks to 3.65 million tons in 1983/84. Last year, the Community exported only 1.1 million tons of wheat from intervention stocks. The EC is trying to reduce burdensome surplus wheat stocks and to that end had earlier decided to sell 2 million tons of bread-quality wheat onto the domestic market for animal feed. However, with depressed domestic market prices and ample feed supplies already available, sales to the domestic market are slow and the Community may need to use the export market to more rapidly dispose of surplus wheat.

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ITALY has sold 450,000 tons of semolina to ALGERIA at \$227-239 per ton, about the same level sold in previous years. The low price reflects stiff competition in the durum and milling markets and jeopardizes millers' profitability. Although the sale is eligible for an export subsidy of \$130 per ton, Italian millers have been pressing for the release of durum from intervention stocks at below-market prices.

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in the NETHERLANDS was reported about 40 miles northeast of Amsterdam on Dec. 30, 1983. A total of 400 dairy cattle and 120 pigs were destroyed on the farm and another three suspect farms. While the source of the outbreak is not known, all animal transport in the area has been halted and a vaccination program initiated. The Netherlands is not considered free of FMD by the USDA, but prior to this incident no outbreaks had been reported in the past several years.

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#### COTTON AND FIBERS

INDIA has announced that no additional export quotas will be released for cotton during the current 1983/84 marketing year. The ban on additional quotas is intended to assure that sufficient cotton will be available for all domestic needs. Previously announced export quotas totaling 207,000 bales will not be affected.

#### FRUITS AND NUTS

BRAZIL's 1984 commercial orange crop in the state of Sao Paulo is estimated at 7.752 million tons, up 6 percent from the 1983 harvest, according to the U.S. agricultural officer in Sao Paulo. Citrus processors have begun contracting to purchase the orange crop and, reportedly, a large percentage of producers already have signed contracts. Harvesting of the crop generally begins in May. Terms per 40.8 kilogram box are: 1,000 cruzeiros at the time of signing of the contract and 2,000 cruzeiros in 60 day promissory notes at the time of delivery. The price offered is 253 percent above last year's, with the dollar equivalent expected to be about \$1.85 per box, up 85 percent from 1983.

The price increase is expected to be a production incentive for the coming years. However, there is little producers can do to increase 1984 output as the crop is already in the growing stage. The industry could boost Sao Paulo's 1984 commercial orange production by being less selective in picking and by expanding the commercialized purchasing area, especially in the northern regions of the citrus zone.

#### VEGETABLES

The 1983 harvest of tomatoes for processing, in 10 MAJOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES, is estimated at 13.2 million tons, down 3 percent from the July estimate (see WR 27-83) and down 2 percent from the 1982 harvest. Reduced crops in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Greece, Spain, France and Taiwan were only partially offset by increases in Italy, Portugal and Israel. Aggregate area in 1983 is estimated at 298,936 hectares, up 2 percent from 1982. Yields, which averaged 44.32 tons per hectare, were down 4 percent.

In the United States, 1983 production is estimated at 6.4 million tons, down 4 percent from the 1982 harvest but up 23 percent from the short 1981 crop. Aggregate yield was down 3 percent and area was down 1 percent. Smaller crops were harvested in the major producing states of California and Michigan. In California, which accounted for 85 percent of total 1983 U.S. output, planting in the north was delayed by rains. In California's southern San Joaquin Valley and south coast, mid-August rains delayed harvest and caused heavy losses in some fields. The weather in September generally was good.

Canada's 1983 tomato for processing crop was down 19 percent from 1982 output. Contracted area, which generally is about equal to the total, was up 2 percent. However, a wet, cool spring and hot, dry summer in the major producing areas of Ontario trimmed yields by 20 percent. In Mexico, 1983 production was down 17 percent from the 1982 harvest. Although area was up, storms in northwest growing areas reduced yields 24 percent. The outlook for the 1984 season is for an increase in area.

Italy's tomato for processing crop was up 8 percent in 1983, but still below previous, early season forecasts. Aggregate area was little changed as land expansions in the north were mostly offset by declines in the south. In the north, early season weather was wet and cool, while in the south, June and July were particularly dry. The quality of the 1983 crop was below normal. In Greece, the 1983 crop is estimated down 12 percent from the previous season. Area was down 2 percent and unfavorable weather reduced yields 10 percent. Quality also was below that of the previous season. The preliminary outlook for 1984 is for a 5 percent increase in area.

In Portugal, 1983 production was up 15 percent. Fears that drought conditions in late 1982 would reduce 1983 tomato area were dissipated by abundant early season rains. Adequate irrigation water and higher minimum guaranteed producer prices helped boost tomato area by 14 percent. Although rains delayed plantings, favorable weather conditions during the growing season improved yields slightly and resulted in a higher quality crop.

In Spain, the 1983 crop was down 7 percent. Area declined 7 percent, and adverse weather reduced yields slightly. In the southwestern producing region of Estremadura, a three-year drought continued and irrigation water supplies were very tight. In the northern producing regions, low temperatures and hailstorms characterized the growing season. Production costs for this year's crop were up about 8 percent, while lower supplies pushed grower prices up from 30 to 50 percent. France produced a 19-percent smaller crop in 1983. Despite an expanded area, yields were down sharply because of high July temperatures followed by heavy rains from mid-August to early September.

Israel continues to expand its production of tomatoes for processing. Production in 1983 was up 22 percent from 1982 and up 62 percent from 1981 output. Area was up 16 percent and yields were up 5 percent in 1983. Pre-season rains resulted in excellent soil moisture conditions and added to irrigation water supplies. Additional land and irrigation water also were made available from uprooted citrus orchards, especially in west Galilee and the northern valleys. A continued expansion in area is expected for the 1984 season.

Taiwan's 1983 tomato for processing crop was down 2 percent from 1982 output. Area was up 46 percent; however, a prolonged rainy season reduced yields 33 percent. The production target for the 1984 crop is 480,000 tons. Area is forecast to be up moderately; however, yields for the crop, which is currently in the growing stage, could be reduced because of recent virus outbreaks.

Production estimates for processing tomatoes, by country, are as follows in 1,000 tons:

Country	Revised 1981	Revised 1982	Preliminary 1983
United States	5,186 454	6,621 477	6,379 386
Canada Mexico	170	180	150
Italy	3,050	3,020	3,250
Greece	1,189	1,178	1,040
Portugal	386	480	550
Spain	510	567	526
France	406	375	305
Israel	181	240	293
Taiwan	274	378	370
Total	11,806	13,516	13,249

### U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

U.S. agricultural exports during November 1983 totaled \$3.5 billion, up 14 percent from the same month a year earlier. Total agricultural export volume in November reached nearly 12.8 million tons, up marginally from the year-earlier level. Higher prices for corn and soybeans and larger corn and wheat shipments in November 1983, compared to the previous November, accounted for the higher total agricultural export value.

Total agricultural exports for the first two months (October-November) of fiscal 1984 were valued at \$6.7 billion, up 12 percent from the same period in fiscal 1983. Total agricultural export volume for October-November of fiscal 1984 totaled 24.7 million tons, up marginally from the year-earlier period as larger coarse grain and wheat shipments offset lower soybean exports.

- U.S. exports of wheat (excluding products) in November rose 9 percent above the same month a year earlier to 2.8 million tons, primarily reflecting larger shipments to Brazil, the Soviet Union and China. The wheat export unit value in November of \$163 per ton was up 3 percent from last November's level. The total value of wheat exports in November was up 12 percent from the previous November to \$457 million. Wheat export volume for October-November of 5.9 million tons was up 13 percent from the same period a year earlier, while value was up 17 percent to nearly \$1 billion.
- U.S. corn exports in November rose 16 percent compared with the previous November to 5.0 million tons, reflecting large shipments to South Africa and larger exports to South Korea and Mexico. The corn export unit value of \$148 per ton was up 47 percent from the previous November. The value of corn exports in November totaled \$737 million, up 70 percent from November 1982. Corn export volume for the first two months of fiscal 1984 was up 4 percent from year-earlier levels to 8.9 million tons, with value up 54 percent to \$1.3 billion.

U.S. soybean shipments in November fell 26 percent to 1.9 million tons, reflecting lower exports to the European Community and Spain. The soybean export unit value in November of \$300 per ton was up 35 percent from the previous November. Total U.S. soybean export value in November was \$564 million, down marginally from a year earlier. Soybean export volume for October-November was down 27 percent to 3.7 million tons, with value off 1 percent to \$1.1 billion.

U.S. raw cotton shipments in November rose 16 percent to 462,000 480-pound bales (101,000 tons), mostly reflecting larger shipments to Japan and the EC. Cotton export unit value in October of about \$1,560 per ton was up nearly 8 percent from year-earlier levels. The value of U.S. cotton exports in November totaled \$157 million, up 25 percent from the previous November. Cotton export volume for October-November 1983 of 736,000 bales (160,000 tons) was up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier, with value up 13 percent to \$247 million.

Export volumes and values were above November a year ago for rice, grain sorghum, barley, feeds and fodders, tallow and fresh citrus, among others. Export volumes and values were below November a year ago for soybean oil, poultry meat, tree nuts and fresh, non-citrus fruit, among others.

### U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

The value of U.S. agricultural imports in November 1983 totaled \$1.4 billion, up 10 percent from the same month a year earlier. This brings agricultural imports during the first two months of fiscal 1984 (October-November) to \$2.9 billion, 6 percent above the first two months of fiscal 1983.

Overall, November's increase was fairly broad based with 33 of 52 major import categories showing increases over year-earlier levels. Higher import values in November 1983 compared with the previous November for sugar, rubber and allied gums, coconut oil and coffee more than offset declines in live cattle, scrap and stem tobacco and other livestock.

Imports of sugar and tropical products in November rose 26 percent or \$117 million above year-earlier levels to \$569 million, accounting for most of the \$128 million increase in the total agricultural imports in November. Imports of sugar rose 96 percent in value to \$114 million, led entirely by volume as unit values averaged slightly lower. Imports of rubber and allied gums rose 69 percent above year-earlier levels to \$75 million, with unit value and volume gains accounting about equally for the increase. Coffee imports in November rose 7 percent above the same month a year ago to \$240 million, with prices accounting for most of the gain as volume rose only 1 percent. Imports of sugar and tropical products for the first two months of fiscal 1984 now stand at \$1.2 billion, up 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

November imports of oilseeds and products jumped 102 percent in value compared to November 1982 to \$77 million, led by gains in coconut oil and other vegetable oils. Imports of horticultural products in November increased 5 percent to \$382 million, led by gains in fruit juices.

# Selected International Prices

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U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%	193.00	5.25	-1.00	184.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W	161.00	4.38	-4.00	153.50
U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.11/	206.00	5.61	-2.00	169.50
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum.11/	209.00	5.69		195.00
Feed grains:				
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn	155.75	3.96	-3.25	116.75
Soybeans and meal:				
U.S. No. 2 Yellow	308.25	8.39	-19.75	234.50
Brazil 47/48% SoyaPellets 4			-27.00	232.50
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal	238.00	10 2 10	-25.00	218.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 5/				
Wheat	127.13	3.46	-1.10	128.60
Barley	105.18	2.29	+.92	62.92
Corn	125.19	3.18	+3.15	89.37
Sorghum	111.77	5.07 4/	-1.54	91.05
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EC IMPORT LEVIES				
Wheat 8/	62.75	1.71	-10.60	116.20
Barley	44.05	.96	+4.65	115.10
Corn	41.10	1.04	+3.00	115.30
Sorghum	56.00	1.42	+1.45	106.15
Broilers 9/	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 10/				
Common wheat(feed quality)	165.65	4.51	-6.00	190.60
Bread wheat (min. quality)]	10/ 180.95	4.92	-6.55	209.75
Barley and all				
other feed grains	165.65		-6.00	190.60
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Wheat	32.95	.90		84.40
Barley	31.90	.70		87.50.
Broilers 9/	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Optional delivery: Argentine. 3/ Based on selected major markets and adjusted to reflect farm prices more closely. 4/ Hundredweight (CWT). 5/ Twelve-city average, wholesale weighted average. 6/ Durum has a special levy. 7/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 8/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy-down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 14 Sept 83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in Feb 1983. 9/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 10/ Reference price. 11/ April-May shipment. N.Q.=Not quoted. N.A.=None authorized. Note: Basis January delivery.

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
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LIVESTOCK PRODS.													
MOOL		2,953	7,464	+153	12,07	29,44	+144	1,62	3,62	+123	6,95	117	+1
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OTHER (EDIBLE)	F	3,763	3,975		9.04	0,52	+16	1,75	2,27	+30	•32	0	19
LIVE CATTLE	• •	178,159	65,150	<b>-63</b>	7,20	5,20	<b>-</b> 56	•46	•63	-73	,10	4	9
OTHER LIVESTOCK		74,945	67,375		• 18	2,46	4-	4,50	3,53	-25	4,91	8	100
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HORTICULTURAL PROD.													
FRUIT	TM				84.84	62.76					6,73	1,66	+9
FRESH	I LE	513,756	519,456		1,49	3,88	+5	3,37	4 9 5 4	-7	59,42	54.02	
PREP. & PRES.	F	62,494	54,529		9,67	0,93	=15	60 • 9	7,92	+7	7,19	5,59	1
JUICES	. LIT:	462,851	421,374		3,67	7,95	=15	3,16	0.50	+51	0,11	2 0 0 4	+46
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ		104,618	138,545	+32	34,332	480074	+40	62,555	74,575	+19	19,749	24,379	+23
VEG., PREP., PRES.		68,158	89 976		9 * 8 6	7.24	+12	7,68	3,56	+16	1,72	090	1
TREE NUTS	8.0				0,02	8,30	+17				5.56	8,11	+30
WINE	I LIT:	87,322	95,196	6+	7,01	094	+11	49,650	48,917	## #	6446	2,95	+
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.:	: LIT:	115,964	130,750	+13	9,18	9,63	+13	0 0 0 4	2,86	÷ 2	0,98	3,27	+6
NURSERY PRODUCTS					7,72	8,05	+27				5,56	9446	+25
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SUGAR # TROP. PRODS.														
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	. MT	633	633,986	604,977	1 1	223,141	234,219	+5	152,123	305,535	+101+	58,143	114,245	+96
SWEETENERS	: MT	126	126,844	173,709	+37	34,098	50,634	+48	30,094	69,825	+132	15,017	23,298	+55
COCOA & PRODUCTS	H.	1 67	67,692	52,376	-23	117,656	120,545	+5	32,249	27,149	-16	55,415	64,737	+17
COFFEE	. HT	209	209,540	189,886	6-	542,931	524,534	10	85,096	85,561	+1	224,350	240,062	+1
ESSENTIAL OILS	HT.	**	1,200	1,538	+28	13,163	18,238	+39	649	853	+31	5,963	9+312	+56
TEA	. HT	: 15	,617	13,667	-12	24,585	25,239	÷3	8,266	6,169	-25	12,839	11,547	-10
SPICES	HT.	22	22,537	22,213	-1	37,303	35,142	9=	11,165	11,797	9+	17,551	15,287	-13
FIBERS	TH:	80	8,093	10,700	+32	7,354	89498	+16	3,253	6,880	+112	3+482	5,174	+49
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	H.	: 110	110,546	141,408	+28	88,913	150,000	69+	55,188	72,358	+31	44.727	75,546	+69
OTHER	XXX :					25,468	19,896	-22				13,751	9+465	-31
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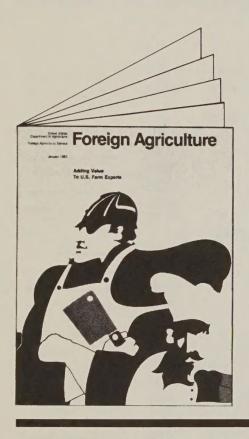
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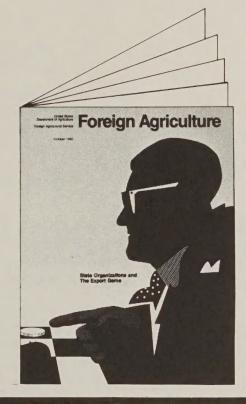
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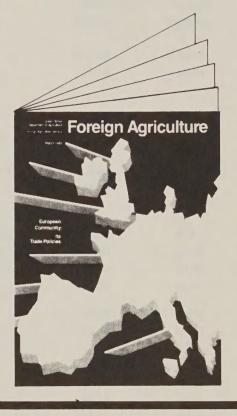
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